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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Refaat S. Fanous  
Application No.: 10/616,707  
Filed: 07/10/2003  
For: Self-Retaining Retractor

Group No.: 3732  
Examiner: Michael J. Araj

**RESPONSE UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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**AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION--TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\***

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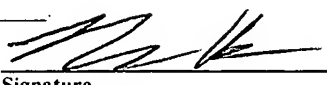
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## STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity.

## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS


4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	7	MINUS	43	= 0	x \$ 25.00	= \$ 0.00
INDEP	2	MINUS	5	= 0	x \$ 100.00	= \$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$ 0.00	= \$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE						\$ 0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED January 24, 2006**

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed January 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows in order to put the application in condition for allowance:

**A Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4.